

2021 Bible Reading Challenge

Each month will have an assigned 4 to 5 chapters, with an assigned "focus" chapter each week. There are a few ways you can complete this challenge. From reading all the assigned chapters every day to reading the focus chapter once or twice a week, there really is no wrong way to complete this challenge. It is very flexible, making it perfect for anyone who wants to get in the Word.

Here is the 2021 schedule--

| January | 1 Thessalonians |
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| February | Matthew 1-4 |
| March | Matthew 5-8 |
| April | Ruth |
| May | Matthew 9-12 |
| June | Matthew 13-16 |
| July | Ephesians |
| August | Matthew 17-20 |
| September | Malachi |
| October | Matthew 21-24 |
| November | Matthew 25-28 |
| December | 2 John |

Here are a few suggestions that may help deepen your study, if you so choose—

- 1. Use the same Bible to read throughout the year. I recommend KJV, NKJV, ESV, or NASB. (Please avoid the Message, the Passion Bible, or any other paraphrase version as they tend to have very troublesome inaccuracies in them.)
- 2. Outline the books and chapters.
- 3. Research passages that you don't understand using biblical commentaries and other resources.
- 4. Join the <u>Growing4Life 2021 Bible Reading Challenge Facebook group</u> dedicated to this challenge, where you will find encouragement and discussion about what we are currently reading. There you will also find biblical resources and articles that pertain to what we are studying.
- 5. Complete the SPECS questions—

S-Does the passage speak of any SIN to be forsaken?

P-Is there any PROMISE to be claimed?

E-Is there an EXAMPLE to be followed?

C-Is there a COMMAND to be obeyed?

S-Is there a STUMBLING BLOCK or hindrance to be avoided?